



**Faculty Seminar Abroad Turkey and Cyprus
Tentative Itinerary Summary: May 9-24, 2005**

- May 9th Monday USA – ISTANBUL ✈**
Departure from Richmond, for international flight to Turkey.
- May 10th Tuesday ISTANBUL ✈ 🚌 (D)**
Arrival to Istanbul Ataturk airport **late afternoon** or in the evening (around 10:35 AM by Delta or Turkish Airlines), and transfer directly to the **Governor's House** of Istanbul for a formal visit. Next check in to the selected hotel, **Pera Palas Hotel**. Check in at the hotel. Free time until dinner. Drive to the port buy bus for **Welcome dinner** with drinks at deluxe boat during **a night cruise over the Bosphorus**, viewing expensive houses, beautiful palaces and historic kiosks, while enjoying unique natural beauty of Bosphorus. *(In case if the weather conditions does not permit, a restaurant alternative has been reserved)*. Drive back to hotel after dinner.
- May 11th Wednesday ISTANBUL 🚌 (B, L, D)**
Early breakfast at the hotel and drive to **Bosphorus University** for an arranged **seminar** or **lecture**. Enroute, stop-by and visit the old **Robert College**, an early American College from 1800s, outside USA. Possible meeting & conversations with school officials.
Next, arrive at Bosphorus University and presentations from 10:00 AM till 12:00 AM. Later, free time at the **historic Southern Campus** with a terrace overlooking the Bosphorus. Next, lunch will be at the **Kennedy Lodge** (historic building within the Southern Campus). After lunch depart from Bosphorus University around 2:00 PM for a visit to the historic center **of Constantinople**. Visit ancient **Hippodrome** where the chariot racings of Rome and Byzantine took place, visit the famous **Blue Mosque** with interior blue tiles of Iznik from 16th century, visit the one oldest Cathedrals in the world, **St. Sophia** from 6th century AD with its giant dome. Next free time at the earliest mall, **Grand Covered Bazaar** with its 4000 shops all covered. Then drive to **Reyna Restaurant** at Ortakoy on the seashore, for a **special dinner**. Next, drive back to hotel for overnight.






- May 12th Thursday ISTANBUL**  (B, L, D)
Early breakfast at the hotel. Then drive to **Sabancı University** (top private university in Istanbul), for a visit & possible lecture. Lunch will be arranged at the university. In the evening, drive back to city center (Taksim Square, where hotels are located), and visit **Beyoglu (Istiklal Street)**. A pedestrian street by the ancient name PERA, a guided walking tour of **Pera**, where the word "perambulating" comes from. Social and nightlife center of Istanbul for locals as well as shopping. Might visit old Christian Churches along. The surprise of the evening before dinner is entrance into one of the oldest **Turkish Baths** in Istanbul from the Ottoman Ages, **Galatasaray Hamam**. Must try the Turkish Massage while enjoying traditional steam-bath. Dinner at the same area, **Haci Baba Restaurant**, famous with its unique Ottoman dishes. Return back to hotel by walking. Overnight at the hotel
- May 13th Friday ISTANBUL**  (B, L, D)
After breakfast at the hotel, drive to **Dolmabahce Palace**, last resident of Ottoman Sultans in Istanbul from 19th century. Also hosts the moaning room where our national leader Ataturk died.
Next, drive to the Old City again, for a visit to the First Resident of Ottoman Sultans in Istanbul, from 15th century: famous **Topkapi Palace**. Visits include the 4 courtyards of the Palace, with the **Treasury Section** having priceless jewels, and **Harem**, section for ladies, **Kitchens** and extra-ordinary Chinese and European porcelain collections. Last court with **summer pavilions**. Lunch at **Konyali** restaurant within the last courtyard of Topkapi Palace, overlooking the Bosphorus & Golden Horn. Next drive to historic campus of **Istanbul University** for a **lecture**. Then drive back to hotel and free time until 8:00 pm. Dept. from the hotel around 8:00 pm for a special dinner at the popular restaurant on the Bosphorus shore, **Lacivert**. Overnight at the hotel.



- May 14th Saturday** ISTANBUL - **IZMIR** ✈ 🚌 (B, L, D)
After breakfast at the hotel, drive to airport for a local flight from Istanbul to **Izmir**. Drive to the **Ege University State Music Conservatory for a half day Seminar & Workshop** arranged by the **Faculty of State Music & Folk Dances**. Seminar ends with a **professional dance show** of faculty students. Lunch will be at the school. Next drive to ancient **Pergamon** (one-hour drive) and visit the Acropolis and ruins of an ancient hospital at **Asklepion**. Next, return to Izmir city center, visit the **Konak Square** and Kordon Strip for a walk. Check-in at the hotel and free time until dinner. Dinner will be at a selected **famous fish** restaurant. Return back to hotel after dinner.
- May 15th Sunday** IZMIR - **KUSADASI** 🚌 (B, L, D)
After breakfast at the hotel, drive to Kusadasi where we visit the best preserved ancient Greco-Roman city in the world, **Ephesus**. Marble Streets, **Temple of Hadrian**, ancient **Library of Celsius** and the magnificent **Roman Theater** are among the highlights to visit. Next visit the Last abode of Virgin Marry, **the House of Virgin Marry**. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the **Museum of Ephesus** with collections of ancient masterpieces from the ruins of Ephesus. After a visit to an early Byzantine Cathedral, **St. John's Church**. Dinner & Overnight at a local 5-star or 4-star hotel in Kusadasi.
- May 16th Monday** KUSADASI - **PAMUKKALE** 🚌 (B, L, D)
After breakfast at the hotel, drive to **Pamukkale**. Visit **Pamukkale University, for a lecture**. Then, on the way to Pamukkale, we will have a **village visit** to a village very closed to Pamukkale. Next, arrive to Pamukkale and visit the ancient city **Hierapolis**. Used to be the center of health and medical practices due to thermal waters that covered a large area in white color. Walking on these world-wonder white terraces. Thermal water pools exist at the hotel of stay. Dinner & overnight at the hotel.



- May 17th Tuesday PAMUKKALE - KONYA**  (B, L, D)
After breakfast at the hotel, drive to on the same route of the ancient **Silk Road**, to **Konya** (4 hours drive), center of Religious Sect **MEVLEVI**. Dedicated followers of historic leader, **MEVLANA** are called Dervishes. Their specific dance to reach the light of God, gives them the name **Whirling Dervishes**. Visit the center of Whirling Dervishes and monumental tomb of Mevlana, visit Seljuk (early Turkish Empire form 12th century) Mosques and lunch at a local restaurant. A visit to **Konya Seljuk University for a lecture**. Check in at the hotel **Balikcilar Hotel** (located in the center, right next to Mevlana Mausoleum) in Konya. Special **Whirling Dervish Ceremony** will be provided for our group at the hotel, in the evening. Dinner & overnight at the hotel.
- May 18th Wednesday KONYA - CAPPADOCIA**  (B, L, D)
After breakfast drive to Cappadocia, arrive drive to **Kayseri** (around 1,5 hours) and visit **Erciyes University for lecture**. Authentic **village visit** next to Kayseri (detail will be sent soon). Next return to Cappadocia region and start visits. Visit the stone-carved dwelling complex **Zelve**. Some photo-breaks at interesting rock formations of Cappadocia. Dinner & overnight at the **Museum hotel** (a totally stone-carved unique hotel).
- May 19th Thursday CAPPADOCIA**  (B, D)
After breakfast, start visits of this **lunar landscape** with natural wonder rock-formations called **Fairy Chimneys**, underground cities, stone-carved dwellings and Churches with beautiful frescoes of **early Christians**. Due to its mystic landscape, Cappadocia has been a hiding place for early Christians. Visit the churches' valley of **Goreme**, one of the many underground cities, **Kaymakli Underground City** (with 8 floors going deep into earth!). Lunch at a local restaurant, and then visit **Avanos Pottery** center. Local shopping at handicraft centers. Lots of photo-breaks during the tour. Dinner and overnight at the same hotel. (Possible extra **Balloon Ride** can be arranged at early morning, at extra charge)



- May 20th Friday CAPPADOCIA - ANKARA** 🚌 (B, L)
After breakfast at the hotel, drive to the Nation's Capital, Ankara (4 hours drive). Visit the **Salt Lake** Enroute. Arrive at Ankara and have lunch at the **Historic Fortress of Ankara** with unique early Wooden Houses. Our lunch will be a four-hundred-years-old Wooden House, **Zenger Pasha Restaurant**. Next, visit the **Anatolian Civilizations Museum**, with its unique collections of **Early Stone Age**, Neolithic Age, Bronze Age, Urartu State and the Empire of **Hittites**. Next, drive to hotel. Next an easy visit to the **Middle Eastern Technical University** for a **lecture**. Overnight at the **METU Guest House**.
- May 21st Saturday ANKARA** 🚌 (B, L)
After breakfast at the guest house, visit and **lecture at Bilkent University**. Lunch will be arranged within the campus premises. Rest of the day free in Ankara, Nation's Capital since 1923 by Ataturk. Overnight at the **METU Guest House**.
- May 22nd Sunday ANKARA - NORTHERN CYPRUS** ✈️ 🚌 (B, L, D)
After breakfast at the hotel, fly directly from ANK to Northern Cyprus (around 2 hrs 35 min. flight) and arrive to **Lefkose** city, and transfer to **Yakin Dogu University** of Turkish Cyprus. **Lecture** and campus visit. Then check-in at the **campus hotel** of Yakin Dogu University, 15 min. far from the university. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.
- May 23rd Monday NORTHERN CYPRUS** 🚌 (B, L, D)
After breakfast at the hotel, drive to the city of **Girne** for historic visits. Free time to wonder around. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.
- May 24th Tuesday NORTHERN CYPRUS – ISTANBUL - USA** ✈️ 🚌 (B)
After breakfast flight back to Istanbul, and transfer to international departures for flight back to USA. End of services



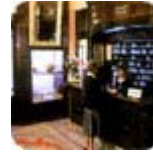
Hotels

- **May 10 - May 14**
ISTANBUL

4 nights

Pera Palas

<http://www.perapalas.com/>



- **May 14 - May 15**
IZMIR

1 night

Ismira Hotel



- **May 15 - May 16**
KUSADASI

1 night

Merit Sunset



- **May 16 - May 17**
PAMUKKALE

1 night

Richmond Thermal

<http://www.richmondhotels.com.tr/eng/termal.asp?act=termal>





- **May 17 - May 18**
KONYA

1 night
Balikcilar

<http://www.balikcilar.com/>



- **May 18 - May 20**
CAPPADOCIA

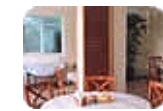
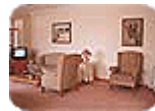
2 nights
Museum Hotel

<http://www.museum-hotel.com/index1.html>



- **May 20 - May 22**
ANKARA

2 nights
METU Guest House



- **May 22 - May 24**
CYPRUS

2 nights
Yakin Dogu University Campus Hotel

Included Features:

- Professional **Licensed Tour Guide** of **Travel e22**. Guide will be together with the group throughout the trip.
- **All hotel overnights, at selected hotels** in Istanbul (4 nights), Izmir (1 night), Kusadasi (1 night), Pamukkale (1 night), Konya (1 night), Cappadocia (2 nights), Ankara (2 nights at METU guest house) and Cyprus (2 nights).
Total of 14 nights
- **All meals** as mentioned in the itinerary (**B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner**)
14 breakfasts at the hotels
9 lunches at selected local restaurants
5 dinners at specially selected deluxe restaurants
7 dinners at hotels of stay
Totally 36 meals
- **Air-con deluxe bus** (25 seats or 15 seats depending on the group size) throughout the journey **in Turkey, and in Cyprus**.
All airport-hotel-airport transfers
All daily tours, and long trip throughout Anatolia.
All visits to universities and government offices
All night drives to the restaurants
- **3 Local flights as**
Istanbul – Izmir on May 14th, 2005
Ankara – Cyprus on May 22nd, 2005
Cyprus – Istanbul on May 24th, 2005
- Entrance fees to all museums mentioned in the itinerary
Totally 18 museum entrances
- Entrance into Turkish Bath (massage not included)
- **Bosphorus Cruise** by private yacht including dinner (*if the weather conditions do not allow, a special dinner will be arranged at a selected restaurant*).
- Whirling Dervish dance for halfhour at the hotel in Konya (*it is actually a religious ceremony, not a show*)
- Service charges
- All University connections, political figure visits are arranged by **Travel e22** for free.
- Possible village visits are now being arranged.
- Detailed speakers, and suggested key-speakers list will be provided soon, for your information & confirmation.

Excluded Features:

- Meals that are not mentioned on the itinerary.
- Drinks at all meals. (*some dinner arrangements include limited drinks*)
- Tips for the Guide & Driver
- Honorarium payments for lecturers at universities
- Meals for extra guests invited by group during university visits

Deposit requirements:

- **15 percent** of total amount (full trip, total for the group) is to be paid by bank transfer by **February 22nd 2005**.
- **Half** of the rest of is to be paid by bank transfer by the end of **March 25th 2005**
- **The remaining balance** is to be paid by bank transfer by **May 2nd 2005**

BANK DETAILS

GURKAN K. OZER

Bank Name: KOCBANK

Branch: Camlica, Istanbul, Turkey

Address: CAMLICA IS MERKEZI, UNALAN MAHALLESİ,
AYAZMA CADDESİ, KUCUKCAMLICA, ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Bank Branch Telephone: 90 216 454 0777

Bank Branch Fax: 90 216 556 2795

SWIFT CODE: KABATRIS

Account Number: 23651091

- Cancellation & Change Policy
 - Cancellations or changes made within 60 to 30 days before the check in date are subject to %100 cost of first night hotel stay & 20 % of total amount
 - Cancellations or changes made within 29 to 14 days before the check in date are subject to a total of %100 cost of first night stay and & 50 % of total amount
 - Cancellations or changes made within 14 days before the check in date are subject to %100 cost of total amount for the whole trip
 - Cancellations or changes made within 60 days or earlier of the check in date are subject to no penalty for hotel stay nor the registration fee.
 - No refunds will be given for checking out early
 - **Travel e22** will do its best in order to negotiate with the hotels and other service providers for unexpected changes in number of persons, dates etc. in order to avoid cancellation charges to the client party.
 - *** For cancellation and change purposes, check-in date is considered to be 12:01 AM (GMT + 2) of the check in day into your hotel. For cancellations & changes, please send us an email with your name and Reservation Number, or please call +90 (216) 545 0656 (GMT+2) and specify the Reservation number of yours, as well as your name and reservation details.